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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	1,078	Median Age of Population (1980)	31.9
Estimated Population (1984)	81,901	% Population Urban (1980)	19.9
Population per Square Mile (1984)	76	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$8,968
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	+ 0.8	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	5.3
Projected Population (1990)	84,173	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	14.7
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	+ 3.6	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	10.0

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	81,901	39,780	42,121	35-44	9,751	4,909	4,842
0-4	6,102	3,125	2,977	45-54	7,970	3,758	4,212
5-14	12,232	6,260	5,972	55-64	9,054	4,163	4,891
15-24	11,957	6,137	5,820	65+	11,759	4,873	6,886
25-34	13,076	6,555	6,521				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	608	Number of Divorces	225
Rate per 1,000 Population	7.4	Rate per 1,000 Population	2.7
Median Age of Bride	23	Median Age of Wife	31
Median Age of Groom	25	Median Age of Husband	33

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	1,009
Rate per 1,000 Population	12.3
Median Age of Mother	25
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	7.4

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	1,009	100.0	30-34	159	15.8
UNDER 15	2	0.1	35-39	39	3.9
15-19	143	14.2	40-44	6	0.6
20-24	327	32.4	45+	0	—
25-29	333	33.0	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea	14	Meningitis:	Aseptic	3	Salmonellosis	15
Hepatitis:	Type A	0	Meningitis:	Meningococcal	1	Shigellosis	0
Hepatitis:	Type B	3	Mumps		0	Syphilis	0
Hepatitis:	Unspecified	0	Rubella		0	Tuberculosis	3
Hepatitis:	Non-A/Non-B	3					

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	836	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	21
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	10.2	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	20.8
Median Age at Death	74.8	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	9

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	373	44.6	Perinatal Conditions	11	52.4	Accidents, All Forms	14	70.0
Cancer	163	19.5	Congenital Anomalies	6	28.6	Cancer	2	10.0
Cerebrovascular Disease	49	5.9	Accidents, All Forms	1	4.8	Congenital Anomalies	2	10.0
Accidents, All Forms	42	5.0	Hernia/Intestinal Obstruction	1	4.8	Heart Disease	1	5.0
Pneumonia and Influenza	22	2.6				Pneumonia and Influenza	1	5.0
All Other	187	22.4	All Other	2	9.5			
TOTAL	836	100.0	TOTAL	21	100.0	TOTAL	20	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Accidents, All Forms	8	32.0	Heart Disease	67	45.3	Heart Disease	301	48.4
Cancer	5	20.0	Cancer	45	30.4	Cancer	111	17.8
Heart Disease	4	16.0	Accidents, All Forms	6	4.1	Cerebrovascular Disease	47	7.6
Epilepsy	2	8.0	Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	4	2.7	Pneumonia and Influenza	19	3.1
			Suicide	4	2.7	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	18	2.9
All Other	6	24.0	All Other	22	14.9	All Other	126	20.3
TOTAL	25	100.0	TOTAL	148	100.0	TOTAL	622	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
4	3	1	0	0	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	0	Structured Clinics	2	Emergency Services Capability:			
Home Health Service	0	Family Practice Center	0	Limited	0	General	1
				Basic	1	Comprehensive	1

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	3	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	0	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	0

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	299	3.7
Admissions	10,684	130.5

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	336	4.1
Admissions	284	3.5

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $187

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES [1984]

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	1	1	1
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	1	0	1
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	3	3	3
TOTAL	5	4	5

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	102	8.7
Intermediate	435	37.0
Total (SNF + ICF)	537	45.7

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 82.3

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $56
Intermediate $50

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment (1985)

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
1	242	52	188	2	[illegible]

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
1	0	0	0	1	0

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services (1985)

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	511	Certified Paramedics I	17
Ambulance Providers	16	Certified Paramedics II	15

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (1983)

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 3

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	2	Autism	2	Muscular Dystrophy	2
Cerebral Palsy	2	Learning Disabilities	2	Other	3
Epilepsy	2	Multiple Sclerosis	2		

d. Primary Health Care Centers (1985)

Number of Agencies 3

e. Licensed Boarding Homes (1985)

Number of Homes 14